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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6851**

**BILL NUMBER:** SB 328

**NOTE PREPARED:** Dec 30, 2011

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Consolidated Law Enforcement Department.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Sen. Merritt

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**FUNDS AFFECTED:**     **GENERAL**  
                              **DEDICATED**  
                              **FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** Local

**Summary of Legislation:** The bill specifies that the Consolidated Law Enforcement Department in a consolidated city is a division of the Department of Public Safety (DPS).

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2012.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:**

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:** Any efficiency gained by organizing the combined county sheriff's department and the police department of the consolidated city under the DPS will depend on the management of the combined operations.

**Background:** The city-county legislative body has had the authority to adopt an ordinance to combine the county sheriff's department (except for those duties specifically assigned to the county sheriff in statute) with the police department of the consolidated city. The bill would require that combined entity to be a division of the DPS.

The August 2011 Department of Public Safety organizational chart does not include the Marion County Sheriff within the Department.

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:**

**Local Agencies Affected:** Marion County.

**Information Sources:**

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